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SUMMARY: EMBASSY GAVE EXCERPT OF SECRETARU'S PROPOSALS TO LOUNES AT GOA FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY 14. LOUNES WAS RECEPTIVE TO IDEA REOPENING ENERGY/RAW MATERIAL TALKS AND OUTLINED PERSONAL VIEWS ON PROCEDURE FROM BILATERAL CONTACTS TO PREPCON TO UNGA TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED SECRETARU'S KANSAS CITY STATEMENT ON US DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD ON ECONOMIC DIALOGUE WITH FERHAT LOUNES, DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY ON MAY 14. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, GOA OFFICIALS WHO WERE ON PREPCON DELEGATION UNREACHBLE.

2. LOUNES RECOGNIZED POLICY STATEMENT WAS IMPORTANT AND PROMISED TO PASS IT ON. HE EMPHASIZED THAT PREPCON WAS NOT A FAILURE, BUT HAD CLARIFEID POSITIONS; AND ALTHOUGH THEY FAR APART ON ISSUES, ALGERIAN DELEGATION APPRECIATED MEETINGS WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS. HE ALSO STRESSED ALGERIAN DESIRE TO REACTIVATE DIALOGUE AFTER NEEDED RECONSIDERATION OF POSITIONS.

3. AFTER NOTING USG'S PREFERENCE TO WORK WITH EXISTING FORA, WE EMPHASIZED WISH TO BE FLEXIBLE AND TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OTHER COUNTRIES VIEWS THROUGH BILATERAL CONTACTS. LOUNES RESPONDED THAT ALGERIA BELEIVED ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS AND ECONOMIC/MONETARY
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REFORM HAD TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER SO AS TO BE ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER AN ACCEPTABLE PACKAGE. MUCH OF TECHNICAL WORK COULD BE DONE IN EXISTING, SPECIALIZED FORA, BUT THEY WERE FOR THE MOST PART STAFFEDBY EXPERTS WHO DID NOT HAVE AN OVERALL VIEW. ALSO, THERE WAS COMPETITION AMONG THESE AGENCIES THAT BLOCKED THEIR WORK. WHAT WAS NECESSARY WAS THAT PEOPLE WITH AN OVERALL POLITICAL VIEWPOINT FROM ALL COUNTRIES, GIVE A MANDATE

TO THE CHOSEN SPECIALIZED FORA. FROM THIS POINT OF
VIW, UNGA WAS MOST FITTING ORGANIZATION.

4. BACKING UP, LOUNES, WHO STRESSED HE WAS SPEAKING
PERSONALLY, SAID PREPCON'S ROLE SHOULD BE TO PREPARE
AGREED PROPOSALS FOR UNGA. WITH THE 10 COUNTRIES'
APPROVAL, EVEN THOUGH 10 DID NOT HAVE REPRESENTATIVE
MANDATE, THEIR VIEWS WOULD CARRY GREAT WEIGHT IN UNGA
OR SPECIAL SESSION AND WOULD ASSURE CONSTRUCTIVE
MANDATE TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. LOUNES APPRECIATED
NEED FOR BILATERAL CONTACTS IF PERPCON WAS TO REACH
AGREEMENT.

5. LOUNES GAVE NO HINT ON GOA' PREFERENCE FOR
TIMING EXCEPT TO SAY PREPCON AND ITS FOLLOW-UP
CONFERENCE SHOULD LOGICALLY TAKE PLACE BEFORE UNGA
SPECIAL SESSION. WITH OIL PRODUCTION DOWN, BALANCE
OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, AND OIL PRICES DOWN, ALGERIA
MAY WELL WISH TO DEFER NEW MEETING OF PREPCON UNTIL
AFTER JUNE OPEC SESSION WHERE THEY MAY HOPE TO RALLY
HARDLINE COUNTRIES. US INITIATIVE AND OPENNESS TO
PROPOSALS COULD REDUCE ABILITY TO ROUND UP SUPPORT
FOR HARDLINE.

6. COMMENT: LUNES REACTION WAS ENCOURAGING, BUT WE
DO NOT KNOW HOW ACCURATELY HE REFLECTING VIEWS OF
GOA. ONLY TIME AND MORE DETAILED, HIGH-LEVEL
DISCUSSION, WILL TELL. IN MEANTIME, USG SHOULD NOT
CONCLUDE FROM ABOVE THAT ALGERIANS WILL IN FACT BE
COOPERATIVE.
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